

2004 State Health Report

Working Outline for Initial Proposed Draft

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Presentation to WSALPHO

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Introduction

The role of state government

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State Health Programs—Bleak Realities

- 2003 fiscal crisis
- Priorities of government exercise
- Actual health cuts in 2003-05 budget
- No significant interim changes expected for 2004
- Little new money expected for 2005-07

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Promote fairness in access to critical health service

Problem statement

- More realistic than “improve”
- Fairness top priority to come out WHF process

A For Instance: Lay Foundation for System Transformation

- WHF Values Statement
- SBOH and WSPHA Values Statement
- Evidence-based, public health-oriented, discussion about what we can afford

ALTERNATE For Instance: Preventive Services for Children

Other Possible Actions:

- Support community-based responses (public health as convenor)
- School Health (OSPI)
- Targeted Improvements (4th DTaP)
- Electronic Medical Records (DOH)
- Healthy Aging
- Preventive Care incentives
- Continue PHIP
- Rural Health (Governor)

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Improve patient safety and increase value in government purchased health services

Problem Statement

- Health Care spending
- Medical errors/quality
- Medical spending major state cost driver

A For Instance: Technology Assessment

- Agency Medical Director's plan to implement ESHB 1299

Other Possible Actions

- Preferred Drug List
- Demand Improvement
- Disease State Management
- Electronic Medical Records (again)

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Maintain and improve the state's public health system

Problem statement

- Erosion of state and county funding
- Focus more on communicable diseases (less on BT per se)
- SARS, WNV, influenza, TB
- Include input from local boards of health
- Emphasize need to environmental health capacity

A For Instance: Community Environmental Health Assessment

- SBOH work (Carl Osaki and Marianne Seifert)
- Best practices
- More than issuing permits, collecting fees

Other Possible Actions

- Stable and secure funding
- Workforce development

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Explore strategies to reduce disproportionate disease burdens

Problem statement

- Disparities data US and Washington
- Federal emphasis
- New information about social determinants

A For Instance: Support Federal Initiative to Eliminate Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health

- Work with Drs. Nancy Fisher and Maxine Hayes
- Describe state role in federal initiative
- Align state efforts with federal program

Other Possible Actions

- Social determinants of health (DOH)
- Data collection
- “State Policy Agenda”
- Workforce Diversity
- 2003 Indian Health Care Delivery Plan
- Interpreter Services
- REACH 2010 (Diabetes)

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Improve nutrition and physical activity

Problem statement

- Becoming on par with smoking as leading cause of premature death

A For Instance: Continue to Implement State Plan

Other Possible Actions:

- Healthy Steps
- 5-A-Day
- OSPI Strategic Plan 2007
- Health and Fitness assessments
- Encourage community-based responses
- Nontraditional agency partnerships (e.g., WSDOT)
- Public/private partnerships (like Stoneybrook Farms)
- Health aging and “younger olders”

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Reduce Tobacco Use

Problem Statement

A For Instance: Second Hand Smoke

- Smoking in public places
- Support community responses
- Provide resources (CA model)

Other Possible Actions

- Targeted approach to communities of color (health disparities)
- Protect Tobacco Settlement Funds
- Continue to implement Tobacco Prevention and Control Plan

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Safeguard clean air and clean water

Problem Statement

- POG Priority: Natural Resources

A For Instance: Persistent Bioaccumulative Toxins/Mercury

Other Possible Actions

- Air Toxins: Diesel idling, burning, etc.
- Governor's global warming initiative

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Background and methodology

- Discussions with local boards of health
- Washington Health Foundation Process
 - Survey
 - Community Conversations
 - Leadership Summit
- Building on 2002 work

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WHF Values Statement

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